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Country stars to shine at Dyess



The five-woman country band, Cowboy Crush, will be playing a free concert at the base parade grounds July 31 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to Dyess Airmen and their families. Cowboy Crush is (left to right) Debbie Johnson, vocals and bass guitar; Darla Perlozzi, drums; Trenna Barnes, lead vocals; Becky Priest, vocals and keyboard; and Renae Truex, fiddle and mandolin.

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

Cowboy Crush is coming to Dyess.

The five-woman country band visits Dyess July 31 at the base parade grounds to play for Dyess Airmen and their families free as part of the ongoing Spirit of America tour that brought The Charlie Daniels Band to Dyess last year.

Cowboy Crush, which recently had a single “Nobody Ever Died of a Broken Heart” break into country music radio station’s playlists this summer, will begin playing the free concert at 7 p.m. Other singles by the band are “I Am Pretty,” and “He’s Coming Home.”

The band stops at Dyess to participate in the Spirit of America tour before continuing on with their ongoing tour through America. Also on tour with the Spirit of America tour this year are Carrot Top, Little Texas, The Charlie Daniels Band, Joe Diffie, Pam Tillis and others.

“We were really excited to find out that the Spirit of America tour

was coming back to Dyess,” said Stephanie Kraly, 7th Services marketing director. “We had a huge turnout for Charlie Daniels last year and we expecting the same great caliber of a show from Cowboy Crush once again this year.”

The fun-filled family event will also host several squadron booths selling food and beverages as well as an air castle for the kids, Kraly said.

The tour began when retired Los Angeles attorney Robert Rosenthal decided he wanted to bring headline entertainers to stateside military bases as volunteers with the intent of having the shows boost the morale of the American servicemembers after the attacks on September 11, 2001. Since its inception in 2002, the tour has arranged over 55 concerts at a variety of military bases in America headlined by some of America’s greatest entertainers, according to the organization’s web page.

For more information, contact your unit first sergeant or Stephanie Kraly at 696-2936.

Vietnam-era Dyess loadmasters reunite, relive old memories



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Rich Hoxsey and Ron Speer, both assigned to the 347th Troop Cargo Squadron at Dyess during the Vietnam War era, stand outside of a C-130 Saturday.

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 50 members of one of Dyess’ historical airlift units and their families visited the base Saturday for a reunion for airmen who were stationed here nearly 40 years ago.

The group, made up of loadmasters from the 346th and 347th Troop Carrier Squadrons stationed at Dyess during the 1960s, spent their day catching up with old friends, making new ones and reliving a piece of history.

“We first started working on this back in January when we realized we were kind of getting up there (in age),” said Pete Fischer, an Abilene businessman and former 347 TCS loadmaster who was the event organizer. “We figured we would do a 40th anniversary now rather than wait till we were all in our 70s when the 50th would have come up.”

Many of the group members commented on how much Dyess and Abilene had changed in 40 years and how much was still the same.

The members of the group all served together, receiving their training at Dyess and going overseas to serve in the Vietnam War in the then-brand new C-130E.

The unit served at a variety of locations in Vietnam, the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan, even coming under attack during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

“I remember that when the attack started, the first mortar round went off while I was loading five bodies from a morgue truck onto a C-130 — I didn’t know what it was,” Fischer said. “I ran and took cover in a bunker nearby on the flightline and the second mortar exploded and destroyed a C-130 near me and put 300 holes in the airplane I was loading.”

The unit suffered several combat losses but was also highly decorated during the war, receiving numerous awards and accolades.

“I’m proud of what we did over there,” Fischer said. “Had it not been for our training at Dyess, we would not have been successful.”

Fisher also added that the time the unit spent at Dyess training for their missions enabled them for not only success during the war, but also later in life.

“Everything we learned at Dyess we used out there - during the war and in life,” he said. “An interesting point is how successful this group has become. Almost all of us used our Montgomery GI Bill benefits to earn at least a bachelor’s degree. Several of us have become doctors, scientists, officers and one of our members is a superintendent in the Arlington Independent School District.”

A notable attendee was former Airman Second Class Gary Speer of Wichita, KS., who was the lone survivor of Dyess’ first C-130 crash during a training flight in 1966. Speer, who was not expected to live after being pulled from the burning wreckage after the crash in Guthrie, Texas by Carol Brazee, and two other locals that night. Speer, who lost both of his legs but survived the accident, was able to talk to Brazee and his family at the reunion.

The moment was witnessed by the group members as well as Speer’s brother Ron and his sister-in-law Corille, who joined Speer from Wichita. The meeting was an emotional one for the entire Speer family.

“I had to go back to the car to get a paper towel to wipe my face,” Corille said. “I was way passed the point of using a napkin.”

Ron Speer agreed.

“There was no way we were going to miss it,” he said. “We knew this event would be so monumental for Gary.”


“This event is more than I could have hoped for,” said Speer, who despite losing his legs has learned to be completely self-sufficient and pursue a number of interest. “I remember the people here from the way they were back then. I can’t recognize many of their faces but I remember them from their voices.”



Airman 1st Class Alan Garrison

On the verge

Staff Sgt. Shawn Lambert, watches his golf ball teeter on edge of the hole during the first ever Dyess and American Red Cross sponsored benefit golf tournament at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course Tuesday. The tournament raised more than \$2,500 for the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service program, which serves the local area, Dyess and the surrounding 12-county area. For more coverage, see page 5.

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The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil. Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Global Warrior staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

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Helmet wear: choice? Not in this Air Force

By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — After more than 26 years of motorcycle riding and 21-plus years of service, I've given up wearing my helmet. It's not that I don't see any value in it. I just happened to sell my bike. Had you for a minute, didn't I?

Well, some of our Air Force folks seem to think they can just hang their helmet up because their state doesn't have a helmet law. They seem to think that just because other people don't wear a helmet, they don't have to.

They're wrong. And if they don't watch it, they could end up dead wrong. Last year, an NCO from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, was riding through Colorado on his way to Sturgis, S.D. The weather was beautiful as he rode over the Rockies. At some point along his ride, he decided he didn't need to wear his helmet. He was wrong, dead wrong. He left behind a family, friends and coworkers.

It's always a given when we lose someone in a motorcycle crash that the biker's family suffers. The rider's lapse in judgment evolved from a conscious thought that his or her actions were the right course to take. How would one come to the decision that taking a perfectly good helmet off one's head is the right decision?

Recently, I received an e-mail from a friend. He told me of an Airman riding his motorcycle out of the main gate at his installation. No big deal, right? It wasn't a big deal until he stopped his bike and took off his helmet to ride home — big problem. The funny, but not so funny, thing was that he did it right in front of his wing commander — very big problem.

I propose the decision to remove a helmet is entirely selfish. "I don't like wearing a helmet." "It's too hot." "I disagree with the Air Force's requirement for me to wear a helmet when I'm riding." To all of which I say, "So what?"

It doesn't matter what you think. Do you question the Air Force's dress and appearance standards? Do you question your deployment training requirements? Do you question the rules and standards

of performing your duties? No, probably not, because it's not a matter of personal choice. You joined the Air Force voluntarily and, in doing so, swore — or affirmed — to obey "the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Wearing a helmet is one of those orders according to Air Force Instruction 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

The AFI even goes so far as to stipulate the minimum requirements, "Helmets must meet, as a minimum, Department of Transportation standards and be properly worn and fastened. Helmets may also meet other standards such as the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute. If stationed overseas, personnel may use host-nation certified, equivalent helmets."

Ignorance is no excuse. Each of us, whether we ride or not, is responsible for knowing the standards.

Peers play a huge role in compliance, which ultimately means they play a huge role in saving lives.

Supervisors, your mission is at stake. Lose a person to a mishap for a few weeks or months and somebody has to pull up the slack. Lose them forever and you're faced with answering that "What if I ... ?" question for the rest of your life.

Commanders, the responsibility lies with you. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has issued marching orders for mentorship programs, safety training and compliance. You are the buck and it stops here. Ensure your people know the standards and hold your supervisors accountable for enforcing them. You could be saving a life in the process.

Riders, if you're active duty, Air National Guard or Reserve, ride by the rules. It doesn't matter whether you agree with them or not. To selfishly decide you don't need to comply with Air Force safety requirements is to jeopardize not only your life, but the security of our nation.

So mount up, ride by example and don't hang your helmet up until you're done with your ride.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Congratulations to all the members of Team Dyess on more superb inspection results! Once again, the warriors of Team Dyess impressed three recent inspection teams with your professionalism, dedication and expertise.

The 317th Airlift and the 7th Operations Groups both performed superbly in tough evaluations. But they didn't accomplish it alone. Their success was a direct result of the total team effort of everyone at Dyess.

Also this week Team Dyess is hosting Air Force Innkeeper Award inspectors. Our fantastic lodging team, already the ACC winners, are now competing for the overall Air Force award. I am confident we will win the competition. As always, thanks for all you and your families do everyday and all the sacrifices each of you make to defend America.



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

Remember 'mission first, people always'

By Col. Robert Hamm
380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — Over the years I've watched many leaders — officers, chiefs, NCOs, and Airmen alike — take our organization to ever higher levels of achievement. Like you, I have studied those I considered to be outstanding leaders and I've watched others struggle with the challenges of leadership. But I learned from all of them.

Growing up in our Air Force, I found the greatest challenge was balancing the needs of the people with the needs of the mission. It seemed to me a leader was described as either a "people person" or a "mission-oriented person," but seldom did I see a leader who effectively balanced both — until I met Master Sgt. Kenneth Kelly.

Sergeant Kelly understood it was his job to make sure his shop was capable of performing its wartime tasks but just as importantly to ensure the welfare of the troops.

"Accomplishing the mission is the primary task of every military organization; everything else must be subordinate," according to AFPAM 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide. "However, a successful military leader recognizes that people perform the mission and that without their support, the unit will fail. Thus, meeting the needs of the people is a responsibility equal in importance to meeting the requirements of the mission."

Sergeant Kelly said it this way: "Mission first, people always." Sergeant Kelly balanced the needs of mission with the needs of people better than anyone

I've ever known. Sergeant Kelly didn't confuse taking care of his troops with trying to make all the troops happy. Being a leader isn't about being popular. Given some of the things we're asked to do, it's not realistic to expect everyone to be happy all the time. In his mind, taking care of troops meant ensuring they were properly trained, healthy, properly equipped, held accountable to the highest standards, all the while making sure they understood our core values of integrity, excellence, and selflessness. He wasn't easy on us. He challenged our team and didn't tolerate substandard performance.

As a young Airman, I never wanted to disappoint Sergeant Kelly. As a matter of fact, at the time, I didn't think he cared if we were happy or not. Incidentally, I was wrong on that one. But he was always honest, fair, and consistent. I knew what he expected from me and it was always made very clear to us when we didn't meet expectations. On the other hand, he made sure we were recognized for the outstanding work our team did.

Sergeant Kelly taught me that balancing the needs of the mission and the needs of our people isn't easy. It's an art developed over many years of experience.

Years later, back in the classroom, I read in Air University's guidelines for command: "... leadership requires hard work, enthusiasm for the job, and sensitivity to what's going on around you. You must set your standards high, be involved, listen, know what the problems are, remove the weak, promote the strong — and to do this well you've got to be tough."

It's just like Sergeant Kelly taught us. It's mission first and people always.



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Eleven Airmen receive Articles 15

Staff Sgt. Tina Watson
Dyess Legal Office

Eleven Dyess Airmen received Articles 15 during the month of June.

Some or all of these members were subsequently administratively discharged. Names of Article 15 violators are not released.

In each Article 15, the member's commander considered the offense and the punishment based on individual circumstances. These circumstances included the nature of the offense, the record of the service member, the need for good order and discipline and the effect of non-judicial punishment on the service member.

Individuals with prior misconduct usually receive more severe punishment than first-time offenders. Therefore, punishment for sim-

ilar offenses may vary based on factors not listed here. When punishment is suspended, it does not take effect unless other misconduct occurs, generally within the six months following the Article 15.

A senior airman received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana. The airman violated Article 112a – Wrongful use of controlled substance.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$200 per month for 2 months and 30 days extra duty for disrespect toward an SNCO. The airman violated Article 91-Insubordinate conduct toward warrant officer, noncommissioned officer or petty officer.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty and a rep-

rimand for leaving the place of duty and making a false official statement. The airman violated Article 86 – Going from place of duty, Article 107 – Make false official statement.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21. The airman violated Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21, drunk and disorderly which conduct was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces and wrongfully communicating a threat to an NCO. The airman vio-

lated Article 92 – Failure to obey an order or regulation and Article 134 – Disorderly conduct, drunkenness and communicating a threat.

An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 15 days extra duty and 15 days extra duty suspended for forgery. The Airman violated Article 123 – Forgery.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman and 10 days extra duty for driving under the influence of alcohol. The airman violated Article 111 – Drunken driving.

An airman received 30 days extra duty and forfeiture of \$150 per month for 2 months for driving under the influence of alcohol and willfully failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of twenty-one. The airman violated Article 111 – Drunken driving and Article 92 –

Dereliction of duty.

An airman received 45 days extra duty and a reduction to airman basic for failing to pay a debt and possessing a narcotic without a current prescription. The airman violated Article 134 – Failure to pay debt and Article 112a-Possession of schedule I, II or III drugs.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman for failing to bring proper equipment for an inspection. The airman violated Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty.

An airman received 14 days extra duty, reduction to airman basic and a reprimand for failing to go to appointed place of duty, failing to out process for PCS assignment and willful dereliction of duty. The airman violated Article 86 – Failure to go and Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty.



Engaged

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Senior Airman James Jordan along with Petty Officer First Class Michael Hammes prepare to engage opposition forces during a special response team training course held at the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Naval Base recently. Airman Jordan is assigned to the 613th Contingency Response Group.

Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis

Golf tournament raises money for American Red Cross armed forces emergency service program

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Campanile
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess teamed up with the American Red Cross of Abilene and raised more than \$2,500 during the first Dyess-ARC sponsored benefit golf tournament Tuesday at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course here.

Tanya Harencak, spouse of 7th Bomb Wing Commander Col. Garrett Harencak, hosted the event that drew support from over 136 military members and civilians including many Abilene business and community leaders.

“The tournament has been such a success because of all the fantastic folks who’ve come to support this,” Harencak said. “It’s a great thing all these people are so willing to come out and help raise money for this good cause.”

“We really wanted to support the Red Cross and raise awareness about the services they provide the military. They do such an excellent job supporting Dyess Air Force Base,” Harencak said.

The money raised by the benefit golf tournament is slated specifically for the ARC’s Armed Forces Emergency Service program, which serves the local area, including Dyess and the surrounding 12-county area.

The AFES program provides a wide spectrum of services to military members, including emergency financial assistance for family members after natural disasters and other man-made situations along with emergency communications, health and welfare inquiries, said Aaron Vannoy, American Red Cross regional director.

“The Armed Forces Emergency Service program helps out the family members of deployed members to be able to stay in contact with them or whatever the need is—an emergency, an illness, a death or a birth,” Vannoy said.

It wasn’t more than a year ago when the Red Cross helped out tremendously when Dyess had a tragedy, recalls Col. Steven Tippetts, 7th Mission Support Group commander, who participated in the tournament.

“(The tournament) is just one of the ways we can help give back to the Red Cross for all that they’ve done for us,” said Colonel Tippetts. “The Red Cross does fantastic work for America as a whole but certainly for the military and specifically

for Dyess. They’re always out there first on the scene, side-by-side with the military.”

The pieces of the benefit golf tournament fit together as if “it was meant to be,” Harencak said. “The same day I decided I wanted to put together a golf tourney, I met Aaron (Vannoy). That’s when I said, ‘That’s what we’re going to do.’ It was just a perfect fit.”

Harencak considered the tournament a good cause to help raise money for the non-profit organization, which doesn’t receive its funds from the government but from United Way of Abilene and private donors and fundraisers like the benefit golf tournament, and because she hoped it would help raise awareness about the services the ARC provides to Dyess.

“Especially out in the civilian world, a lot of people don’t know we provide this service for the military,” Vannoy said. “We’re just trying to raise the awareness so more people know that Dyess is such an important fixture in Abilene. Everybody is trying to find ways to support Dyess, and one way is to support this AFES program to help support the family members so when their deployed husband and wife is out there in the field, their family is going to be reaping support not only on the military side but on the civilian side as well.”

“The driving force behind (the tournament) was mainly to help the Red Cross with funds, which is always a tough thing,” Harencak said. “None of us like having to ask for help, especially us in the military because we tend to take care of our own, and yet (the Red Cross) is always there taking care of our troops. It just takes a phone call, and that’s outstanding.”

“I hope I get another chance to do this because it’s worth doing if you can help somebody else out,” Harencak said.

The tournament raised money with a \$30 entry fee per person. In addition, golfers could donate \$10 to tee off at the 250 foot mark instead of at the tee box on the 18th hole, which would allow them to skip a shot, as well as donate for a “muligan,” which allowed them to redo a shot.

Golfers could win prizes from other contests as well as from door prizes, said Andrew Bowles, 7th Services Squadron golf course manager. “We had hole-in-one sponsors on all four par three’s.”



Airman 1st Class Alan Garrison
Master Sgt. Tracy Harris, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, putts during the Dyess and American Red Cross benefit golf tournament at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course Tuesday. Looking on is Sergeant Harris’ teammates that day, (from left to right) Master Sgt. James McGuinness, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron; Staff Sgt. Shawn Lambert, 7th Civil Engineering Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Curtis Hays, 436th Training Squadron. Their team would go on to win the tournament with a score of 55.

Golfers who could make hole-in-ones on the fourth hole won a new Chevrolet four-door truck; on the 12th hole, a seven-day cruise; on the 8th hole, a set of ping irons; and on the 17th hole, \$500 in gift certificates.

The first place team, with a score of 55, was Master Sgt. James McGuinness, 7th Civil Engineering Squadron; Staff Sgt. Shawn Lambert, 7th Civil Engineering Squadron; Tech Sgt. Curtis Hays, 436th Training Squadron; and Master Sgt. Tracy Harris, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Dyess base exchange celebrates AAFES 110 anniversary

By Sheila Scevers
Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Beginning Saturday, the Dyess Base Exchange will honor the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s 110th anniversary with a wide variety of sales, promotions and sweepstakes.

On July 25, 1895, the War Department issued General Order number 46 directing post commanders to establish an exchange at every post where practicable. Since the first formal exchanges were established on that July day, an exchange system has served side-by-side with Soldiers and, since 1947, Airmen in tents and trucks in the field and in permanent facilities, on posts and bases around the world.

Today, AAFES provides support to its 11.5 million authorized customers without regard to where they are stationed. In fact, AAFES has more than 3,100 facilities in 49 states and more than 35 countries. Currently, AAFES brings a bit of home to troops with 55 stores in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and has about 450 associates

deployed at any given time. All of these associates live and work right alongside the deployed troops they serve.

“AAFES has long been a vital part of the services’ Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and a partner with the military in providing for the everyday needs of Soldiers, Airmen and their families,” said AAFES’ Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex. “AAFES’ mission is basically the same as it was in 1895: to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support MWR programs.”

With roughly 67 percent of AAFES’ earnings historically going to MWR programs, these contributions to service members and their families make AAFES a major non-pay benefit. In just the past 10 years, AAFES has contributed \$2.3 billion to the Armed Forces to spend on quality of life improvements for troops and their families, including: libraries, sports programs, swimming pools, youth activities, tickets and tour services, bowling centers, hobby shops, music programs, outdoor facilities and unit functions.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is a joint com-

mand of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and is directed by a Board of Directors who is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. To find out more about AAFES’ history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

The sale, which will run throughout the weekend, will also include opportunities to win prizes during the three-day celebration. “Every day of the celebration will bring a new host of events and attractions,” said Dyess’ BX General Manager Ron Barfield.

In addition to the AAFES 110th anniversary, this year will also see the opening of a new \$8.8 million complex at Dyess that will be 96,000 square feet replacing the current BX. The new Dyess shopping complex is estimated to open for business in January 2006.

‘Families First’ program to transform personal property moves

By LaWanda York
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The process of servicemembers moving their household goods — virtually unchanged for many years — is about to transform.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command is developing a new process called “Families First,” scheduled to launch Feb. 1, 2006.

Families First is designed to alleviate some of the stress of moving by involving the servicemembers in the process and giving them a voice in how their personal property is moved. The process focuses on meeting the customers’ needs by promoting a first-rate moving experience.

Working closely with the military services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Congress, SDDC partnered with the trade associations of the American moving industry to create the program.

Every year, about 500,000 servicemembers and civilian employees move to new duty stations. This comprises the biggest moving population in the United States,

making the stakes high for both the customer and the transportation service provider. The partnership between the two will soon enter a new dimension.

Presently, transportation service providers are selected based on the lowest cost, with little consideration for performance. Under Families First, transportation offices will use a “best value” approach that focuses on performance. Most moving business will be awarded to transportation service providers who do the best work as measured by the customer. That customer, the servicemember, will exercise his or her voice by completing a Web-based customer satisfaction survey to measure the performance of their movers.

“We all share the goal of providing the best customer service to those who deserve it the most, the American servicemember,” said Thomas Hicks, the command’s program director for personal property moves. “Families First unites the moving industry, the (military) services and SDDC in a sensible and cooperative manner to achieve this goal.

Transportation service providers providing the best service will receive the most

business. This emphasis on customer satisfaction is expected to stimulate better quality work from all transportation service providers.

Currently, servicemembers may only receive a depreciated value for property lost or damaged beyond repair in a move. In the new program, a person is entitled to the current replacement value of the item.

There are some exceptions where the transportation service provider may replace the lost or damaged item with a comparable used item. The exceptions list includes boats, personal watercraft, ultralight aircraft, pianos, musical organs, firearms, art objects, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Today, moving claims are handled through the closest military claims office. In Families First, servicemembers file a claim directly with the transportation service provider using SDDC’s Web-based claim filing process, a part of SDDC’s new Defense Personal Property System. If no settlement is reached within 30 days, a servicemember may transfer the claim to the servicing military claims office.

In all claims processing, maximum trans-

portation service provider limit of liability increases to \$50,000 — up from the current \$40,000.

Presently, servicemembers receive pre-move information from the local transportation office or the Department of Defense pamphlet entitled “It’s Your Move.” In Families First, servicemembers have an added option and convenience to receive pre-move counseling through SDDC’s Web-based Defense Personal Property System.

The program encourages door-to-door moves with the goal of sharply reducing temporary storage. Temporary storage results in more handling, delay and expense, all of which increases risk to the shipment.

Additionally, Families First provides a payment program feature that automates payments to transportation service providers. The introduction of automated PowerTrack payments for transportation service providers allows them to be paid for their moves within five to seven days, a special benefit to the small-business-owner sector of the moving industry. PowerTrack assists their business operations by eliminating payment delays and providing a consistency to their cash flow.



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week

Capt. Melissa Meister

Unit: 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Job title: Officer in charge, Public Health Element
Job description: To promote the health, wellness and safety of the base community by overseeing programs including Occupational Health, Preventive Health Assessment/Individual Medical Readiness, profiles, communicable diseases and medical deployment activities.
Time at Dyess: Two years
Time in Air Force: Three years
Hometown: Painesville, Ohio.
Career goals: To become the best leader that I can be and to continue to work in the public health field.
Favorite thing about Dyess: The warm weather and friendly people.
Favorite thing about the Air Force: Being able to do a job that I love while serving my country.
Favorite Air Force memory: The wonderful people that I worked with and the activities I participated in while deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

(Editor’s note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.)

Air Force role in BRAC addressed

By Army Sgt. 1st Class
Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department leaders told the Base Realignment and Closure Commission July 18 why certain military facilities are not included in Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s May 13 recommendations.

Commissioners were here to continue their deliberations after visiting military bases nationwide in recent weeks being considered for closure or realignment.

Michael Wynne, deputy under-secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, provided details on several bases in question.

The Navy examined alternatives for an east coast master jet base. Moody Air Force Base, Ga.,

appeared as a “feasible alternative,” Wynne said. But the base had a number of factors that made it less desirable, including “significant one-time military construction costs,” he said. The Navy decided to retain Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., because it was the “most suitable option.

Wynne said the department considered building a new 21st century master jet base, but such action would occur “outside the BRAC window and BRAC time frame.”

“Moody is a World War II vintage air base. About a half-billion dollars in military construction would be required there,” said Adm. Robert F. Willard, Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

“Sharing Moody with the Air Force with the inability to bring the entire wing from Oceana there is not a cost effective

alternative,” he said.

In addition, the admiral said Oceana provides a significant advantage because it is close to the naval fleet berthed in nearby Norfolk, Va.

“We felt strongly that any alternative would have to continue to serve the fleet from a military-value standpoint effectively,” he said.

General T. Michael Moseley, recently confirmed as the next Air Force chief of staff, said the Defense Department’s decision to retain Moody was a good decision. He said Moody, near the U.S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga., will allow battlefield and expeditionary combat Airmen to partner with land component forces better, and “to maximize warfighting capabilities and jointness.”

Wynne told commissioners that “jointness was a key goal” to

many of Secretary (Donald) Rumsfeld’s recommendations on which bases to close or realign. For example, he said Pope AFB, N.C., was realigned rather than closed so the Army could relocate Forces Command headquarters there from Fort McPherson, Ga.

He said the base will allow for joint training opportunities between Airmen and Soldiers and provide airlift for troops stationed at adjacent Fort Bragg, N.C.

Meanwhile, Wynne said Grand Forks AFB, N.D., another base the department wants to keep open, was realigned rather than closed to ensure continued strategic presence in the north-central United States and to support the department’s emerging unmanned aerial vehicle mission.

Wynne told commissioners the secretary’s recommendations will make the department “stronger,

more capable and more effective.”

He said department leaders will ensure final recommendations are “fair, and consistent with the selection criterion and force structure plan and will in fact increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our military infrastructure.”

Secretary Rumsfeld recommended closing 33 major bases and realigning 29 other major bases out of a total of 318 bases. The nine-person commission panel must send its recommendations on closures and realignments to the president by Sept. 8.

The president will have until Sept. 23 to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety. If accepted, Congress will have 45 legislative days to reject the recommendations in their entirety or they become binding on the department.

Programs ease pain of post-war trauma

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Army Spc. David Avila sings his favorite song, “La Bamba,” to his son almost every night. It is not just the entertainment value; it is his way of conveying his wartime experiences to his son.

“La Bamba” sounds like boom in English, a sound Specialist Avila heard just about every night in Iraq. It is a sound he said he will never forget.

Specialist Avila deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, in February 2004 and went on his first convoy in April, a day after four American contractors were brutally beaten, killed and found hanging over a bridge. His convoy was bombed constantly, he said, but made it safely to Kuwait. It was just the first of many convoys for him.

“On a convoy, we would sleep under our trucks,” he said. “You stop worrying about snakes and scorpions; you worry about an attack.”

A month later, the attack came. Specialist Avila was a rear gunner on a convoy returning to Fallujah from Baghdad International Airport.

“A car kept coming in and hitting the back of the fuel truck,” he said.

It was a suicide bomber. Moments later, Specialist Avila heard a loud explosion and saw a cloud of smoke.

“My truck went sideways,” he said. “I jumped off and checked on the Soldiers in the truck. I was standing in front of the car that hit the truck and heard an Iraqi on the ground screaming and pointing at the car.”

Specialist Avila saw a woman’s body hanging out of the back window.

“The car was on fire; I could feel my skin tighten from the heat,” he said.

He dragged the screaming Iraqi away from the car.

“He was trying to tell me something, begging me,” he said. “I looked inside the car and saw a baby engulfed in flames, an innocent child.”

The image never left him. A few months later, Specialist Avila was sent home when an explosion at a Marine camp in Fallujah damaged the nerves in his right ear.

He may have left the battlefield, but Specialist Avila is unable to leave behind the images he saw. He is haunted by his thoughts and vivid nightmares, and startles at any sudden movements.

“I hear that baby screaming in my nightmares,” Specialist Avila said. “It’s too vivid, too clear. I still hear bombs going off at night. It’s been a year; it should be over but it doesn’t go away.”

Specialist Avila is one of the thousands of veterans haunted by war, and one of

the 10 to 20 percent who will subsequently develop post-traumatic stress disorder. This is a psychiatric disorder that occurs after a life-threatening event such as personal assault, natural disaster or, as in Specialist Avila’s case, military combat. The effects of the disorder can be debilitating with symptoms ranging from severe nightmares and flashbacks to insomnia and increasing social isolation.

In recent years, the focus for the military has been on the rising occurrences of combat-related disorders as more and more troops return from war, said Dr. Harry Howitt, a clinical psychologist and acting chief of the Community Behavioral Health Service here.

“Combat is uniquely different from other types of PTSD,” Dr. Howitt said. “Unlike most other traumas, combat doesn’t end in a few hours or days; it goes on day after day after day.”

It is common for servicemembers to deal with post-combat depression, insomnia, nightmares and family issues. However, it is the duration and intensity that differentiate normal reactions from PTSD.

“It’s normal to be affected by combat,” Dr. Howitt said. “It’s when the nightmares become so vivid and horrible they wake the Soldier from sleep or the Soldier develops a profound anger that the symptoms become problematic. If these and other symptoms continue for six months, PTSD is a strong possibility.”

Only time and distance from combat can help the healing process begin, but while war wounds can heal with time, the psychological effect will last much longer.

“Our brains don’t have erasers; it’s tape recorded forever,” Dr. Howitt said. “But you can learn to deal with the emotions and gain control of your life again.”

To start the healing process, psychiatrists recommend a variety of methods such as relaxation techniques, sleep strategies and, in some cases, medication. Each military branch has programs, and the Department of Veterans Affairs offers free counseling sessions. Dr. Howitt created a support group here to give Soldiers a safe outlet to talk about their experiences in detail, he said.

Along with talking about their experiences, Dr. Howitt encourages servicemembers to resume their normal routines.

Above all, Dr. Howitt said people should seek help early.

For more information on PTSD or VA assistance, people can go to the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Web site at www.ncptsd.va.gov. People can also contact their local military mental health facility.

Chief returns bracelet

Simple act of returning
POW/MIA braclet
brings closure to family

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Every evening before he went to bed and every morning when he woke up, he read Army Staff Sgt. Manuel Moreida’s name inscribed on his bracelet. He did this daily for more than 12 years.

Chief Master Sgt. Marc Rodriguez’s personal routine for remembering Sergeant Moreida and the others like him acted as a constant reminder of what was truly important for that day — his own family.

That is why the 52nd Communications Squadron mission systems flight superintendent decided to remove the bracelet and send it to the sergeant’s family thousands of miles away to give a family he has never met a sense of closure after years of uncertainty.

In 1993, while stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, then Tech. Sgt. Rodriguez purchased a prisoner of war/missing in action bracelet from a vendor at the base exchange.

Chief Rodriguez picked the name of an enlisted Soldier from Texas, his home state, who had been declared missing in action in Vietnam.

“Vietnam always had a special meaning for me because I had two older brothers who served there, and thankfully, both made it back safely,” the chief said. “I always felt drawn to remember those who didn’t make it back home, and this was my small way to honor those still unaccounted for.”

When he first started wearing the bracelet, it was bright red, but through the years it has faded to a light pink color; however, it still acts as a steady reminder of why he serves and takes time to remember those who came before him.

“Wearing the bracelet has drawn attention and questions from younger servicemembers,” Chief Rodriguez said. “It allows me to explain to the Airmen that they are a part of a bigger picture and that their service to the nation has a great impact on the world.”

Creating an impact is what the chief did for one family in Texas who had been waiting for nearly eight years to be contacted about the POW/MIA bracelet inscribed with their loved one’s name.

“I came into work one day and I had an e-mail from Chief Rodriguez stating he had been wearing my uncle’s bracelet for many years,” said Edith Moreida, Sergeant Moreida’s niece who lives and works in Austin, Texas. “I honestly didn’t think it would ever be returned, and I was in complete and total shock.”

Moreida soon called her father, who was also very shocked, but extremely grateful.

“Having a missing family member is hard for a family. If we had known (Sergeant Moreida) had died, we could grieve and go on, but not knowing and wondering if he was a POW, that was difficult for every member of our family,” Moreida said.

The journey to reunite the Moreida family with the bracelet began in 2000 when the chief came across a Web site that had biographies of different POW/MIA servicemembers whose remains were still missing.

He found Sergeant Moreida’s name on the list and discovered he was part of a four-person crew with the 48th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam when he went missing Dec. 2, 1967. Their UH-1helicopter did not return from a mission, and the crew’s status soon changed to missing in action.

“From this Web site, I also learned that the sergeant was from a neighboring town about eight miles from my hometown in Texas,” the chief said. “I then read a POW/MIA article in the February 2005 Airman magazine about a bracelet being returned to a family after the servicemember’s remains had been identified.”

With a little more research, Chief Rodriguez soon discovered Sergeant Moreida’s name was no longer listed on the POW/MIA page, as his remains were identified, and he was directed to another Web site containing the names of families looking for bracelets.

The chief said that wearing a POW/MIA bracelet is a big responsibility and the wearer should not just set them aside.

“We become guardians of these people’s namesake, and in a way, their memory,” he said. “I know it has been a very rewarding personal experience being part of this family’s remembrance, and hearing how this one last ‘belonging’ of the Army sergeant has impacted their family and created a sense of closure. It makes me truly honored.”

The POW/MIA bracelet worn on Chief Rodriguez’s wrist for more than a decade was mailed to the Moreida family recently, and will rest in Sergeant Moreida’s flag and shadow box at his brother’s house in Texas.

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Sydney Forester

Technical Sgt. James Steele, 7th Munitions programs manager and squadron foreign object debris manager, checks for any FOD on a vehicle on the flightline.



Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Don't drink and drive, call 759-HOME and get a free anonymous ride home. Hours for AADD are: Friday, Saturday and eves of holidays and down days - 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.



Colonel Victor Folarin, former 7th Aeromedical/Dental Squadron commander, looks into the ears of Capt. Justin LeMire, 9th Bomb Squadron resource advisor. Captain LeMire was the last patient Colonel Folarin saw before leaving Dyess Monday to travel to Spangdahlem, Germany to take command of the 52nd Aerospace Medical Squadron.

From associates degree to M.D.: Doctor keeps sight of dream despite obstacles



Colonel Victor Folarin reviews a patient's record after meeting with them. The colonel has been a doctor for almost 20 years, and joined the Air Force at 42 years old after being in private practice and serving seven years in the Kentucky Army National Guard.

**Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds
Dyess Public Affairs**

In 1970, 20-year-old Victor Folarin would set off on a journey to achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a doctor. That journey would see him immigrate to another country, earn four college degrees, join the military and have the opportunity to say that he had called three different continents home.

Doctor (Colonel) Victor Folarin, former 7th Aeromedical/Dental Squadron commander, was born in 1951 in Nigeria. He grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, spending his first nine years living under British rule as a colony. But that all changed in 1966, when two successive coups by different groups of army officers brought the country under military rule and one year later would find Africa's most populous nation steeped in civil war.

"In Nigeria, most education is not free, and high schools are expensive and highly competi-

tive," Colonel Folarin said. "Not everyone gets to go to school."

When he was a child, an elementary education was free and available to most children, Colonel Folarin said. But he had to wait to go to high school because a person had to pay for tuition, books, uniforms, and transportation.

"My older brother and sister were in high school, and I had to wait until they graduated before it was my turn," he said. "My father was an electrician and his income couldn't support all of us at school at once."

Colonel Folarin said at that time, Nigerian high schools were highly competitive, but he was exposed to a lot of subjects and pushed to do his very best by his classmates.

Although he was in high school, it wasn't necessarily clear yet that he would become a doctor, let alone know how or where to achieve it.

"My mother wanted me to become a pharmacist, but I was interested in practicing medicine

because my grandfather, a civil engineer, was also a native herbalist," the colonel said. "I used to go into the forest with him to look for leaves and plants, and I helped him cook them into syrups and medicines. When I started to think about it, I decided, 'Why be a pharmacist when I could be a doctor?'"

That was the beginning of his quest to become a doctor. It was sometimes a difficult quest, but he would stay focused on that goal.

After high school, Colonel Folarin was accepted into a military program that was training civilians to be medical technicians. Although they promised to train the new students in a certain amount of time, they were unable to finish the training.

With his goal to be a doctor in mind, he decided to move to the United States to pursue his goal of earning a higher education, the only question was where.

With college books borrowed from the library in the American embassy in Nigeria, he started to

write down all the names of colleges alphabetically. Writing them on pieces of paper and throwing them into a hat, he asked his younger sister to pick one randomly, and that would be where he would go to college.

That pick would send the colonel to Boaz, Ala., which had a population under 7,000, to attend Sneed State Junior College.

Although he now had a destination in mind, getting there wouldn't be easy.

"My arrival in the United States was interesting, he said. "I had no relatives living there, but we did have some friends living in New York City. They were supposed to meet my plane and help me get around. Unfortunately, my plane was delayed by one day. They didn't know that, so they went to the airport to meet me and, of course, missed me. When I got there a day later, no one met me at the plane. It was a bold introduction to the U.S., but I survived it."

Still determined to be a doctor, the colonel would earn an associate's degree in science — his first of four degrees — while attending Sneed.

With a two-year degree in hand, his next move would take him to the state where he would eventually call his adopted home, meet his future wife and earn his medical degree — Tennessee.

There, he attended Tennessee Technical University, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry.

"Since I was a foreign student, financial aid was not available to me, so I had to work all through school," he said. "I also couldn't get into medical school right away because of my foreign status, so I worked at a clinic at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., doing pharmaceutical research."

That would change in 1982, when he received his citizenship, making him eligible to apply to medical schools.

With excellent grades and strong letters of recommendation, he was accepted into the University of Tennessee medical school.

After graduating medical school in 1985, he did a residency in family practice before going into private practice in Kentucky.

It was there that he would join the military, but he would not go blue. Instead, he went green and joined the Kentucky Army National Guard as a battalion physician assigned to a tank unit.

After serving seven years in the guard while continuing to work in his private practice or family medicine and geriatrics, he decided that a change of scenery was in order and joined the active duty Air Force in 1993 by direct commission.

"I liked the way the military set up its medical practices, so I decided to join the Air Force as a doctor," he said.

Although he entered active duty as a major, his previous seven years of military service in the National Guard do not count towards his total active federal military service. This means that although he is now a colonel, he won't be eligible to retire until 2013 - the same month he turns 62 - the mandatory retirement age.

Initially serving as a staff family physician, in time he would gain more administrative responsibilities, starting when he became the flight commander of medical services at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

More administrative responsibilities meant less of doing what he loved — treating patients.

"I missed the operational aspects of being assigned as the physician to a unit, and I've always liked planes, so I volunteered to become a flight surgeon in Aerospace Medicine," he said.

Although there were obstacles during his journey of becoming a doctor, he was able to overcome them when faced with adversity. Now a doctor, his journey has taken on new meaning as he tries to be the best doctor and commander he can be.

Colonel Folarin will now go on to experience a new chapter in his journey when he takes command of the 52nd Aerospace Medical Squadron in Spangdahlem, Germany, Tuesday.

News Briefs —

7th CPTS closure

The 7th Comptroller Squadron will close July 22 at 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an official squadron function.

For emergency assistance with Automated Business Service System documents, contact A1C Leo Nielson at 312-518-7975.

For assistance with the Defense Travel System, contact Lt. Joe Harvey at 206-852-4171.

Welcome home party for Dyess Warriors

The Dyess Warrior Welcome Home Party is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 in the Equipment Maintenance Building, Bldg. 9198, at 765 3rd Ave.

The event is for all families, friends and fellow Airmen to welcome home and to show their appreciation of Dyess Airmen who've returned from deployment since February 2005.

Free food and entertainment will be provided.

Recently deployed Airmen should wear their Desert Camouflage Uniforms or the uniform they wore in their deployed environments.

For more information, contact, Master Sgt. Woodworth at 696-4782.

Space-available travel

The following flights are open for space-available travel.

- Monday at 8 a.m. to Moody AFB, Ga.; return Monday.
- Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. to North Island, Calif.; return Aug. 4.
- Aug. 4 at 8 a.m. to Westover, Mass.; Lajes, Azores; Rota, Spain; Souda Bay, Crete; return date not available.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military ID cards plus one additional form of ID. Active Duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. All sharp objects must be stored in checked baggage. Hand-carried baggage is subject to 100-percent search. The passenger terminal is in building 4218, 941 Avenue B.

UFT selection board

The next undergraduate flying training selection board for active-duty applications for selection to pilot, navigator or air battle manager training is scheduled for Jan. 10.

Eligibility criteria and completed applications must be sent to the Air Force Personnel Center by Nov. 23.

For more information, contact the base formal training office.

Embry-Riddle AU Registration

Dyess students can register for classes Monday for the fall term at the Dyess ERAU office.

For more information, contact the Dyess ERAU office at 696-1785 or 692-2007; or visit the Web site at www.erau.edu/dyess.

Building manager training

The next building manager training session is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 2.

The training is open for all active duty military, civilian personnel and contractor employees



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Horses ride in for Dyess Reading Rodeo

Six Hardin-Simmons University horses performed for the Dyess library Reading Rodeo summer program July 14. The select HSU team, which has performed at events including five presidential inaugurations and the Macy's parade, demonstrated synchronized riding and allowed children to get up close and personal with the horses and riders. Anywhere from 20 to 200 children attend the library's Reading Rodeo program . "This is a great way to educate our children about western heritage while bonding with the Abilene community," said Cheryl Smith, Dyess librarian. "Not only do we emphasize reading to our youth, but we provide actuivities that keep them active if a parent is deployed away from home."

who require initial and annual refresher training.

For more information, contact civil engineer squadron customer service at 696-4154.

Drinking Water Quality

The Consumer Confidence Report is an annual report presenting a summary of the drinking water quality provided to Dyess and its housing units.

This year's report documenting water quality from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2004, has been completed. The report includes information on the source of the drinking water and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency and state standards.

In 2004, no monitored contaminants exceeded the EPA or state standards in the Dyess drinking water system.

Tor review the entire Consumer Confidence Report and for more information, contact Brian Danko at 696-5619 or Staff Sgt. Maria Holt at 696-2325.

The Dyess Outdoor Recreation is offering a trip to Schilitterbahn, New Braunfels, and the San Antonio River Walk July 29 through 31.

The cost is \$75 for adults; \$65 for children 12 years old and younger. The cost includes transportation, two nights' hotel at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, and tickets to Schilitterbahn's.

Registration ends Thursday.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 696-2402.

Community —

Outdoor Rec trip

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Registration ends Thursday.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 696-2402.

Last AISD Opportunity

The Abilene Independent School District will be holding the

last on-base registration for the 2005-2006 school year Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

The registration, which is intended for students new to the AISD, requires the child's birth certificate, social security card, school transcripts, shot records and proof of residency.

For more information, contact Rebecca Carson at 696-5539.

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Dyess Vendor Fair

The 2005 Dyess Government Purchase Card vendor fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club Aug. 3.

For more information, contact Lamar Campos at 696-5190.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop is open to all base members and their families.

The shop will be closed the month of July and will reopen for business Aug. 2.

The Thrift Shop is located at 382 4th Avenue. For more information, call 696-8203.

Kindergarten Sign-up

The Dyess Child Development Center is enrolling for its Enrichment/Kindergarten classes Monday through July 29.

For more information, contact the CDC at 696-4337.

Seminars at FSC

The Dyess Family Support Center is offering three seminars available to all military members and their families.

- Starting Your Own Home Business seminar Thursday at 6 to 8 p.m.
- Employment Recruitment seminar Aug. 1 at 6 to 8 p.m

To reserve a seat or for more information, contact the Family

Dyess Chapel

Catholic worship schedule:

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| Saturday: | Reconciliation — 4:15 p.m. |
| | Mass — 5 p.m. |
| Sunday: | Mass — 9 a.m. |
| | Tuesday — Friday: Mass — 11:30 a.m. |

Protestant worship schedule:

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| | Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. |
| | Gospel service — 12:30 p.m. |

A nursery and children's church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 370-1052.

For more information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Support Center at 696-5999.

Build a Boat Contest

The Dyess Community Center will host a USAF Build a Boat Contest and Swim Party July 22 at the Heritage Club swimming pool.

The contest and party are free and is open to all military members and their families.

Participants in the Build a Boat contest must be at least 18 years old, and preregistration is required.

Registration ends Wednesday and is first come, first serve. Awards will be presented.

For more information, contact Willie Cooper at 696-4305 or pick up an informational package at the Community Center, located at the Hangar Center.

Cowboy Crush

Cowboy Crush is scheduled to perform for Dyess military members and their families as part of the Spirit of America tour on the

Dyess parade grounds July 31.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with food and other entertainment. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact 7th services squadron at 696-2936.

July specials at Auto Skills

- A transmission service is offered that includes filter, fluid and labor for most car models for \$89.95.
- A quick lube service is offered that includes oil change with filter, all lubrication points greased and fluid levels changed for \$22.95.
- State inspections are available for all vehicles.
- Loyalty cards are available for vehicles and allow customers to get one oil change for free after purchasing four.

For more information, call the Auto Hobby Shop at 696-4179.

The BIG Screen

Friday at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — *Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie* — John and Jane Smith are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each is hiding something the other would kill to know: Mr. and Mrs. Smith are actually highly paid, incredibly efficient assassins, and they work for competing organizations. They discover a new source of excitement in their marriage when they're hired to assassinate each other. The result is the ultimate action spectacle, as Mr. and Mrs. Smith put their formidable skills to work and their marriage to the ultimate test.

Rated PG-13 (sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language) 115 min.

Saturday, Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl — *Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley* — 10-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world trying to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and the adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes. Now, Max is blasting off on a mission to Planet Drool where his superhero friends Sharkboy and Lavagirl live and where the evil Mr. Electric threatens to do away with all dreams forever.

Rated PG (mild action, rude humor) 93 min.

Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Honeymooners — *Cedric, the Entertainer, Mike Epps* — New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph's many get-rich-quick schemes, they've managed to save some money, almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, when Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he's lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot and it takes all his determination and love for Alice to get things on track again.

Rated PG-13 (innuendo, rude humor) 90 min.

317th AMXS walks 7th EMS to victory, 25-4

Defending base intramural softball champions go down in first playoff round



Airman 1st Class Courtney Gerrard

Henry Trevino, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, connects with the ball during Monday’s playoff game against last year’s champions, the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The 7th EMS beat the 317th AMXS, 25-4. The 317th AMXS would give up 13 walks, 10 of which would score.

Standings

Softball

| American League (Current as of Wednesday) | |
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| Team | W-L |
| 7 LRS | 16-2 |
| 7 EMS | 12-6 |
| 7 MUNS | 12-6 |
| 317 OSS | 11-7 |
| 7 CMS “A” | 9-7 |
| 7 AMXS#1 | 7-8 |
| 317 MXS/MOS | 6-10 |
| 7 SFS | 2-13 |
| 7 CES Fire Dept. | 2-14 |

| National League (Current as of Wednesday) | |
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| Team | W-L |
| 7 MDG | 19-1 |
| 7 CES | 15-5 |
| 7 OSS | 12-8 |
| 317 AMXS | 12-8 |
| 7 COMM | 11-7 |
| 7 AMXS #2 | 9-9 |
| 7 CMS “B” | 7-11 |
| 7 BW/CPTS | 5-13 |
| 436 TS | 1-16 |
| 7 SVS | 0-17 |

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The defending intramural base softball champions, the 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, walked the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron to victory Monday during the first round of intramural softball championship playoffs.

Undone by their own pitching skills, the 317th AMXS walked 13 7th EMS players, 10 of which would score.

“Our attention to detail was pathetic,” remarked Kenny Rushing, 317th AMXS pitcher and coach. “Walks have plagued us all year round. We’re a far cry from where we need to be.”

Both teams got off to a slow start, with the first run being scored by the 7th EMS during the top of the second inning.

The equipment maintainers would only continue to widen their lead by scoring four runs in the third and six in the fourth. Going into the bottom of the fourth, the 7th EMS had a firm control of the game, leading 12-0.

Lagging behind in runs, the 317th AMXS would finally get on the board in the fourth inning, along with two other’s touching home.

While the 7th EMS was firmly in control of the entire

game, the top of the fifth inning drove that point home.

Rushing had given up nine walks during the first four innings. After his first fifth inning pitch was also a walk, he was replaced by first baseman Cliff Oney with one on, no outs.

While Oney would prove better than his predecessor, he would give up four walks and see 13 of the Equipment Maintainers touch home, widening their lead to 25-3.

The 317th AMXS would give up five walks — all which scored — along with eight other players touching home.

Hopelessly trailing, last year’s intramural softball champions would only score one more run, bringing the final score to 25-4.

“Obviously we did really well,” said Burt Diemert, 7th EMS player and coach. “Their pitcher was struggling and when a few guys walk, it gets the rest of the team down like a virus.”

The 7th EMS was 11-5, while the 317th AMXS was 12-6 going into Monday’s game.

The 317th AMXS would go on to be eliminated from the playoffs Wednesday after losing to the 317th Operations Support Squadron, while the 7th EMS suffered their first post-season loss to the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The tournament is double elimination.

Check out next week’s
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softball action.